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NHL star Matt Duchene played in the hospital foundation's charity golf tournament and donated items to the auction. See page 17 for full coverage *Photo by Mark Arike.*

Haliburton couple rises from the ashes

By Lisa Gervais

It's been seven weeks since Mike and Val Balaski watched their Barry Line home burn to the ground. Sitting outside their temporary home, Granite View Condominium in Haliburton village, the couple shared their story with *The Highlander* earlier this week.

"I'd say we're healing slowly," says Mike, who's a well-known contractor in the county.

"Making steps to move forward," adds Val, who is a small business owner.

At the picnic tables overlooking Head Lake, where they are sitting, Mike glances at Val and continues, "We're very grateful to be here ... and to have each other. We both got out. That was number one."

On the night of Friday, June 8, the Balaskis were on their back deck when they decided to go in through the patio doors to their bedroom and on to the kitchen to

prepare supper.

That's when they heard the wailing of the fire alarm. They checked the kitchen but it seemed fine. Mike then headed to the front of the house where he found a fire just starting in the corner of the sunroom and front porch.

"So, he ran around the corner to grab the garden hose," recalls Val. "When he came back around, in less than a minute, the whole front of the house was engulfed.

He yelled at me 'get out, call 911, she's on fire'." Val grabbed their puppy, went out back and dialled 911.

"The flames were already coming up over the shingles," she said.

From there, Val says she doesn't remember much. She has no idea what happened to the phone she used to call 911 or even how the call ended. She does remember wanting to go back into the house to get her purse from the bedroom

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Balaskis grateful for support

and Mike telling her 'no'.

"I wouldn't go in the house," says Mike. "I was on the front porch and I literally ran around to the patio doors to the bedroom yelling and screaming to her because I knew she was still in the bedroom area. By then, there was so much black smoke, I couldn't look in the front door."

They estimate it only took nine to 12 minutes for the house to be consumed by flames.

"At 5 o'clock we had a house. At 6 o'clock we didn't. By 6:30 p.m. there was nothing left," Val says. Firefighters were able to save their garage and vehicles, though both were melted in places, and stop the blaze from spreading too far into the bush that surrounds the property.

Fire officials have since ruled that the cause of the fire is undetermined, and the Balaskis are slowly piecing their lives back together. They have rented the condo for a year. They've demolished the Barry Line house and are getting quotes from contractors, and permits from the township, to rebuild. They're painstakingly putting together a list of chattels for the insurance company. They're also trying to put their businesses back together, since they both worked from home.

But, they wouldn't be where they are today without the help of the community, both say. Barb Hammond, for example, opened her Fort Irwin business to donations of clothing and money and a GoFundMe campaign started by friends raised nearly \$20,000.

"We didn't realize how many people over the years we've touched in a positive manner. And the way the community came together to support us, it was almost overwhelming, like the gratitude we had," Val said.

She added that without that assistance, "I don't know what we'd be doing now because neither of us can work ... and because insurance isn't sending us a cheque every week ... and yet you still have to eat, pay your bills, pay a mortgage on a house that doesn't exist and taxes."

And while people have been well intentioned, Mike and Val said they have been traumatized somewhat by constantly being asked questions such as "what happened" and "how are you?"

Val said it's easier when people text or email to say,

"We're thinking of you, you're in our thoughts and prayers. Unless the person going through the trauma offers to speak about what's happened, just respect that they're in a raw, emotional state and it makes them relive the moment all over again, that you are taken back to everything that happened."

The two said they'd also learned some valuable lessons from this experience.

"Make sure you have working smoke alarms," says Val. "Don't say I'm going to replace that battery tomorrow. Do it today. It'll save your life. It saved our lives."

Mike adds that people should put important family belongings, such as jewelry, in a safety deposit box at a bank. He lost his father's gold watch in the fire and Val lost her mother's ring and other "good" jewelry. They had a safe but it couldn't withstand the heat for a prolonged period of time. Mike also advises keeping important documents outside of the house, things such as passports, birth certificates, social insurance cards and insurance papers. Val also advises people to take pictures or videos of their belongings and store them on an SD card outside of their home for insurance



Mike and Val Balaski stand on a dock overlooking Head Lake.

Photo by Lisa Gervais.

purposes if needed.

Mike said some things can never be replaced, such as photos and family recipes. However, he did visit his grandmother recently and retrieved two such recipes and the couple prepared two dishes that very night. "It's brought me back in time. I remember things I did as a child. It's bringing out the good memories and that's part of the healing for me," Mike said.

Returning to the property is also helping the couple to heal. They were there last Saturday to cut the grass. Ironically, they had really just finished it after seven years when the fire struck.

"When we can make peace with the land, that will be part of our healing too," says Val.

The couple likes the Phoenix Rising symbolism, and plan to have a sign at their new home to mark their own personal rise from the ashes.

Val said some religions preach about being purified by fire and sanctified by water. The Tuesday after their fire, a major thunderstorm struck while they were staying with friends on Haliburton Lake unleashing a deluge of water. "I said to Mike, 'we're all good'."

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A swing set that was damaged in mid-July. Photo by Mark Arike.

Dysart considers upgrading downtown security cameras

By Mark Arike

Surveillance cameras in Head Lake Park weren't working properly when playground equipment and a trailer were recently vandalized, municipal staff told council on Monday. As a result, council voted unanimously to authorize staff to further investigate a camera system upgrade.

The equipment is expected to cost around \$13,000, based on information from Mike March, the County of Haliburton's IT director.

"We definitely need it," said Mayor Murray Fearrey.

He recommended approaching the Downtown BIA to see if they'd interesting in partnering to also install some cameras on Highland Street. In an interview, BIA president Luke Schell said his board will discuss the request and come up with a recommendation as to how they can help.

The cameras will rotate and have night vision capabilities. The municipality's Wi-Fi will be extended to reach the cameras and make it possible for people to watch a live feed online.

Staff are currently getting cost estimates for the electrical and installation work, said CAO Tamara Wilbee.

"When we have all the information together, we will bring it back to council," she said.

The vandalism occurred between July 14-16, according to the OPP. An unknown criminal, or criminals, damaged and spray-painted a municipal trailer, removed playground equipment and stole eight ground solar lights, which were purchased by the BIA.

Anyone with information on the incident is urged to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or 705-286-1431.

\$500,000 price tag for fire truck

By Mark Arike

Dysart is spending close to half a million dollars to replace the fire department's frontline truck, which is nearly 20 years old.

On July 23, council approved fire Chief Mike Iles' recommendation to buy a new pumper/tanker, complete with a two-way radio, for a grand total of \$499,000 with tax. The municipality will buy the vehicle from Carrier Centers Emergency Vehicles, a company with seven offices in Ontario. Only two bids were received for a tender issued to six suppliers in May. The other applicant, Safetek Emergency Vehicles Ltd., came in \$19,000 higher before tax.

"It will have foam and all the necessary equipment to respond to car accidents and structure fire," Iles told council.

Dysart Mayor Murray Fearrey asked if Iles knows the company well. Iles said they are "a good company" and he "checked with a couple of other [fire] chiefs."

Iles told The Highlander that insurance underwriters require any first-line apparatus to be no more than 20 years old.

The company might sell the old truck for the municipality, he said. If not, it will be declared surplus. It's still in use and has clocked 69,000 km.

It will take about a year for the new truck to arrive. The purchase is included in the 2019 budget.

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Reader Beth Irwin took this photograph of some Alberta firefighters outside the Kosy Korner Tuesday morning. She said there was a group from Thunder Bay as well. They were eating before travelling to Algonquin Provincial Park to fight fires. *Submitted photo.*

Fire ban remains in effect despite rain

By Lisa Gervais

A small sign on the door of the West Guilford Shopping Centre reads, "We will not be selling fireworks due to the fire ban."

Inside, inside fireworks sit untouched to the left of the front entrance.

Proprietor Bill Burden said he and his employees take the ban – which has been in effect since July 9 – seriously.

"Firefighters have enough problems without someone here starting another fire," he told *The Highlander* on Tuesday.

While there are no active forest fires in Haliburton County, it remains a hive of activity with crews flying in and out of the MNRF's Stanhope headquarters. On Tuesday, reader Beth Irwin ran into firefighters from Alberta and Thunder Bay. They were having a meal at the Kosy Korner before heading up to fight fires in Algonquin Provincial Park.

Locally, as of press time, the fire ban had not been lifted. "It is felt there has not been sufficient rain to lift the ban," said Minden Hills interim fire Chief Mike Bekking this week. He added that the ban would only be lifted after consultation with the county fire chiefs and the MNRF.

As for compliance, he said eight fines, totalling \$3,672, had been handed out to property owners in MH found to be in violation of the fire fan, but "generally speaking, people realize the extreme fire risk we are under and have been following the ban."

At Dysart council on Monday, fire Chief Mike Iles said they haven't received many calls about people burning, although there have been some calls from people smelling smoke, which is coming from the forest fires in northeastern Ontario. Council commented that he's done a great job with signage. And, Iles said the media has been very helpful in getting the word out about the fire ban.

Algonquin Highlands fire chief Mike Cavanagh agreed that, "Generally people are obeying the ban. We will be invoicing a couple of properties, at this time two in total I believe."

Chris Baugham, acting fire Chief for Highlands East, said so far they'd had no issues with compliance. He agreed with Bekking that there hasn't been enough rain yet to lift the ban.

The bans mean no campfires, fireworks, brush burning, flying lanterns or charcoal barbecues (propane barbecues are allowed). Check your township's website for updates.

Minden Hills news

GHD Limited takes over for Cambium Inc.

Cambium Inc. has lost the contract to provide environmental monitoring and reporting consultant services for Minden Hills' waste disposal sites.

At a meeting on July 18, Ivan Ingram, environmental and property operations manager, said they had 11 bids for the job and shortlisted four firms: GHD Limited, Cambium Inc., WSP Canada Inc. and EXP Services Inc.

He recommended GHD Limited based on the township's scoring formula. Council accepted. The

contract will be for three years, with two, one-year, renewal options.

The approximate costs are \$45,000 for 2018-2019, and \$61,000 for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

Mayor Brent Devolin said the township has a more sophisticated scoring system, in which price is not the only determining factor. Another is performance.

"We'll see how we do with a new one [company]," he said. *(Lisa Gervais)*

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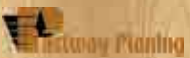
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Time for county to revisit a pool

Our story on Minden Hills' plan to revamp its arena has again touched off a community-wide debate on the need for an indoor swimming pool in Haliburton County.

Most of the people who responded to our Facebook post last week were critical of council, asking questions such as why a decision had to be rushed and whether all possible research had been done to eliminate a pool option.

It's a debate that has raged as long as I've lived in the county, and for many years before my move here.

Unfortunately, for Minden Hills council, a decision about their township's arena has spiralled into a county-wide pool discussion.

That should tell them, and county councillors and staff, that it's time this perceived community need goes to the county council table since no one municipality should be burdened with the cost of building and operating a swimming pool.

Further, no one township should be tasked with doing the appropriate studies to determine if the county needs and can afford a pool.

But, before this goes to the county, there

has to be a change in attitude from our incumbent elected officials. The majority of them have been saying no to a swimming pool for years.

At MH, Mayor Brent Devolin has described last week's response as coming from a "vocal minority." He insists that Minden Hills will sign off on the arena revamp – without a pool – when they meet today.

But, when you stop to think about, this community was able to raise millions of dollars to build two hospitals when a need was identified. So, rather than our sitting politicians continuing to insist it can't be done, why not strike a committee of county council after the next election to do the appropriate studies, research the kind of money needed, and possible ways to raise it. The reason this issue has not been put to bed is the public hasn't seen its need and want disproved.

In addition to a change in attitude, there will have to be a shift from parochial arguments about where a pool would go. Some have argued County Road 21 between Minden and Haliburton is the ideal location. With all due respect to our friends in Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East, that does make sense.



By Lisa Gervais

Perhaps the municipal financial input can also be rated based on population size. That way, Haliburton and Minden would be paying more than AH and HE. Possible tax levy implications would have to be calculated and grants and public fundraising researched. We need to know why smaller centres, such as Deep River, can afford pools while we seemingly cannot.

Work has been done on this issue to date and is sitting on shelves. It's time to dust it off and update it. And for those 70-plus people who commented on our Facebook page, it's not enough to point fingers at politicians and criticize. If you want a pool, then get involved. Consider joining a task force and consider how much you are willing to extract from your wallets and purses every year to pay to build and maintain a pool. In other words, put your time and money where your mouth is.

One way or the other, it's time to put this debate to rest.

The summer of the gun, again

I am sure I am not alone in my concern over the growing incidences of gun violence being experienced in Toronto. It seems a day does not go by that there isn't a report of people being killed with a handgun. As someone who has friends and relatives in the city, it is alarming and worrisome, and while I am well aware that many of these attacks represent gang-related targeted shootings, it seems that more bystanders are being injured and killed. Particularly troubling is the incident on June 14, when two children in a playground were injured by stray gunfire that was supposedly targeting someone else in the same park.

Equally troubling is the random shooting spree this past weekend on Danforth Avenue. While, at this writing, it is too early to determine what prompted this attack, like the van rampage of April 23, the random nature of those hurt or killed, sends a chill that colours our perception of the city and the degree of security of its residents and visitors. Many of us have

enjoyed a stroll along Yonge Street, taking in the cosmopolitan character of the street, or visited the Taste of the Danforth to enjoy the delights of Greek Town. And, while the chances of being caught up in an incident such as these two are slim, it still gives one pause before considering a visit to the busy areas of the city.

While our relative distance from the gun violence seems to provide a feeling of security, we cannot slough it off as a big city problem that doesn't touch us. Indeed, we are all impacted when these incidents occur and are splashed across the headlines. These actions erode the sense of security we all feel living in this province and country. Every time an incident like this occurs, we are all impacted, even though it may seem distant. We all share a responsibility to our fellow citizens to bring pressure to bear on those in political power and those in authority to double down on their efforts to reduce the number of violent occurrences.

I do not claim to have the answers or any

magic formula to reduce these tragic events or make them go away. In fact, there are many facets to reducing these violent acts: more intense gang control efforts, stepped up handgun seizures, earlier youth interventions, greater access to mental health services and action on many other fronts is required. Perhaps most importantly is to see this as a societal issue that requires the attention of all of us. It is certainly not just a political or police problem. These acts, random or targeted, require all of us to demand that something more than the mouthing of ritualistic platitudes be done to halt this escalation in violence.



By Jack Brezina



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Eye on the street: What should be done to prevent vandalism and theft in downtown Haliburton?



Harry Morgan

Haliburton

Well, I'm a preacher; I think we need more gospel preaching.



Kate Butler

Haliburton

We need more community awareness; more eyes from the community on what's going on around the county. It's a community effort.



Liz Jesseman

West Guilford

It's hard to imagine there's crime in a community as small as Haliburton County.



Marcia Bell

Haliburton

We need more police presence after 7 p.m.



Nancy Hunter

Haliburton

We need more things for kids to do outside of town.

Photos and interviews by Felix Wong

Letters

Hope still time to reconsider pool

Dear editor,

I wonder if the Minden council took a look at the future needs for the town and area. Many other rural municipalities have determined they must attract young families and professionals for sustained growth and services, especially for the aging population, but also young professionals, such as doctors and nurses, teachers, dentists, new business owners, etc.

The question begs, what do young parents need for their children's development? Before any family decides to relocate, they will determine which community offers the amenities they deem important for their children's development and education, not to mention their own personal needs. One answerer might be a community offering extended recreation,

sports and learning opportunities along with transportation services.

An indoor pool in a multi-use facility offering swimming lessons, diving and competitive swimming up to Olympic class. The pool can be used for teaching scuba divers and certainly is ideal for physical therapy and rehabilitation sessions for the young and aged. The Highlands has many summer youth camps, these require lifeguards, and therefore summer employment for the local youth. Without the pool, where will they get trained?

The Highway 35 road sign still stands lonely and ignored, reading "doctors wanted"! What will attract new families? A larger hockey rink, hum!

**Rob Rick
Minden**

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Greg Pichnej recently snapped this beautiful photograph. Photo submitted.

Memories, mending and sepia-tinged sorrow

As I sit in my office on a rainy Sunday afternoon I'm looking for inspiration, a spark to set me writing this column. My office is normally a great place to find such a nudge towards a story because it's crammed full of gear. Skis, fishing tackle, minnow traps, baseball caps, architecture books, car cleaning products, a skeet thrower, sparklers, a poster about Second World War aircraft, hip flasks and a hand plane, and photos, lots of photos pinned to the wall.

My eyes stop on a particular photo, one of my dad holding a big slippery eel that he'd just caught on my fly rod. He is grinning like a big kid, holding out the eel for the photo and also to stop it coiling around his arm and covering him in slime. I remember the moment and it makes me chuckle. And I

kind of hear my dad's laugh as he struggled with the creature. And that made me a bit sad because my dad died over a year ago now, but it made me happy too because until this moment I've found it difficult to remember him from before his illness. My mourning, my memories until now have been filled with images of him in the throes of Parkinson's disease, fighting to be heard and understood while his body slowly, brutally betrayed his mind and failed him. I didn't want to remember my dad like that but those were the images that until now I got whenever I thought of him.

Now, as I sit and think, looking out at the milkweed, tag alder and spruce, I still struggle to picture the myriad of happy times I had with my dad. The childhood memories in our garden at home; his happy

face at my college graduation; sitting at the dinner table listening to him as he told funny stories about his work. The memories are there but they are blurred, soft, cloudy. I can't make out the details, the true sound of his laughter, the wrinkles around his eyes - that I have inherited - when he grinned. And this makes me kind of blue until I realize that there might be a reason for this softening of my mind's eye, this sepia wash over my memories. It is a way of lessening the pain, easing the sorrow and allowing me to go on enjoying my life without the raw stabbing of loss being unbearable.

It's not that I am forgetting about my dad, but I am coming to terms with the fact that I'll never see him again, apart from in photos like the one with the eel, another as he shot my rifle, and one with him taking a

toddling Little Z for a walk.

I love my dad and as I finish writing this column I'm happy that even after he's gone he's able to give me the inspiration, or introspection needed to put my thoughts into words. And as I sit here in my scruffy, cramped little office thinking of him, a fresh memory springs to mind. One of him sitting here with me, his hand resting on my shoulder, I think, as I showed him my rifle, a lever action. And, as I babbled on about hunting and shooting, he smiled a now ailing crooked smile and through hardly moving lips I'm sure he said, "wonderful ... just like John Wayne's."

Thanks, dad.



By Will Jones

TheOutsider

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Terry Fox's brother, Fred, to raise run flag in Minden

By Lisa Gervais

It's shaping up to be a very special Terry Fox Run in Minden this year.

Not only is the committee celebrating its 25th anniversary, but Fred Fox, Terry's older brother, will be visiting the village in advance of this year's run.

Diane Peacock shared the exciting news with Minden Hills council today (July 26).

She told *The Highlander*, "I am absolutely thrilled that he is coming. I have been planning this for about 18 months when I first asked the provincial office. Fred told me last year that he definitely wanted to come but we had to wait to see when he was coming back to Ontario. His visit will be the highlight of the year for me."

For his part, Fred told *The Highlander* he first met Peacock several years ago at an Ontario Terry Fox Foundation volunteer workshop in Toronto, and "she has been a dedicated Terry Fox Run organizer and volunteer for many years."

He said that last spring, Peacock asked him to come for the run. However, he said

he had to be in Halifax in 2017. A persistent Peacock asked about 2018 and he had to decline. But he offered to come visit and support the Minden Terry Fox Run before the national event being held on Sunday, Sept. 16 this year.

"It's one of the things I do in my role at The Terry Fox Foundation, I get a chance to travel from coast to coast in the spring and again in the fall for three-to-five weeks at a time, visiting schools and communities in supporting their efforts to keep Terry's dream alive. Doesn't matter how big or small the community or city is, they are equally important in what they do in raising funds for cancer research. I can't visit everywhere, but with Diane asking, the timing worked out, and I am looking forward to visiting Minden in September."

Fred is expected to raise the Terry Fox Run flag on Sept. 8 at the township office.

Peacock said more details will be announced about Fred's visit as the agenda is finalized.

Minden run participants have raised more than \$280,000 in 24 years.



Fred Fox during a visit to Orillia last August. Submitted photo.



Dysart council discusses the construction of a shade shelter at Haliburton Junction Skate Park. Photo by Mark Arike.

Mayor secures donation for park shelter

By Mark Arike

It looks as if a shade shelter will soon be erected at Haliburton Junction Skate Park.

Dysart Mayor Murray Fearrey recently obtained a \$5,000 donation from local business Living Libations. He confirmed he's working on getting more money for the structure.

During Monday's council meeting, he said it will cost about \$15,000. Timber, including piers, will be purchased from Glenn Diezel, a local timber frame builder and instructor at the Haliburton School of Art and Design (HSAD).

"We have to go ahead or not bother now," Fearrey told Deputy Mayor Andrea Roberts, who inquired if any money would need to come out of the parks department's reserve if additional donations aren't received.

"I think we'll get it, and if we don't, we'll have to work a little harder," he said.

The timber frame shelter will be on the side of the park nearest the county's EMS building.

HSAD approached the skate park committee about building it as part of the week-long timber framing course offered Aug. 13-17, according to a report by Mueller. They will be doing the work at no cost to the municipality.

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Algonquin Highlands news

Council won't partner on dock removal

Council has knocked back a request from the Halls and Hawk Lakes Property Owners' Association (HHLPOA) to help them get rid of abandoned docks on the two lakes.

The association has catalogued about 20 abandoned docks on Little and Big Hawk lakes. They were asking council to partner with them to remove the docks. They were proposing moving them to the township-owned public landing and the township helping with the removal and disposal.

Chris Card, manager of parks, recreation and trails, said the estimated cost would be a little over \$8,000, representing two days of work by five staff, a backhoe and tandem truck. This would include landfill fees.

Card presented council with three options: partner with the association as requested; an alternative of waiving landfill disposal fees with the association doing the work or declining the request.

Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen said while she commended the HHLPOA, she was worried about setting a precedent that could cost AH a lot of money.

Danielsen said the practice of cutting old docks loose is becoming a problem, which may be due to high construction and demolition waste tipping fees. And, Mayor Carol Moffatt expressed "fears about the township becoming the disposal agent of all things abandoned in AH."

Coun. Lisa Barry felt the owners of the

abandoned docks should be held responsible and asked if there was a way to put identification on docks.

After a lengthy debate, councillors denied the request.

Concerns about North Shore Road

Council is looking to spend \$4,500 plus tax to hire Engage Engineering to do a road condition assessment of North Shore Road. They're also being asked to endorse staff applying for an Ontario Community Infrastructure Funding (OCIF) grant. They'll bring the assessment results back to an August meeting.

In a report, public works supervisor Adam Thorn said there are problems with four sections of road over a two-kilometre section east of St. Peter's Road.

Thorn said an assessment would give the township a full scope of the possible causes of the settlement and outline the repairs needed. He said it would also help set a budget and repair guidelines, possibly for the 2019 budget. He said Engage could also help them with their OCIF grant application.

"When roads start slumping into the lake, it is a concern," Mayor Carol Moffatt said.

Rogers gets a rough ride

Rogers Communications got a bit of a rough ride when they touched down at AH council last week.



More North Shore Road works are coming in 2019. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

They came looking for approval to install a temporary telecommunications tower on the Dorset Lookout Tower, for three months, to improve service levels in the Dorset area, while securing a permanent tower location.

They supplied a map in which the colour purple outlined the improved service.

They wanted to erect, as soon as possible, a two-metre high antenna and a 1.2 metre microwave dish.

Their admittedly aggressive timeline called for doing it by the first week of August.

However, Mayor Carol Moffatt said the vast majority of enhanced coverage was in Lake of Bays, not the Township of Algonquin Highlands.

"What about the rest of Algonquin

Highlands?" she asked.

Omar Lababidi, of Rogers, said there'd be considerable improvement in both municipalities, but he didn't have the maps to show council that.

Moffatt pointed out there is further concern about capacity at the tower. Lababidi said Rogers was prepared to sign a contract similar to the one AH signed with Xplornet earlier this year.

But councillors weren't convinced, saying the project seemed rushed and without clear benefit to their ratepayers.

They agreed in principle but have asked Rogers to come back to their Aug. 16 meeting with more information. (Algonquin Highlands news compiled by Lisa Gervais)

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We are currently in the process of conducting extensive stakeholder consultation to help inform this proposed integration, and we want to hear your input, feedback and questions. RMH and PRHC are jointly hosting the following town hall events in the communities served by both hospitals.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION & ADDRESS
Tuesday, July 24	7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	Bobcaygeon Service Centre 123 East Street South, Bobcaygeon
Tuesday, July 31	7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	Fenelon Falls Community Centre 27 Veterans Way, Fenelon Falls
Tuesday, August 7	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.	McDonnell St. Activity Centre 577 McDonnell Street, Peterborough
Wednesday, August 15	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.	Peterborough Golf & Country Club 1030 Armour Road, Peterborough
Wednesday, August 29	7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	RMH Cafeteria 10 Angeline Street N, Lindsay

If you are unable to attend in person, please feel free to submit your input by any of the following methods:

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New Haliburton Youth Hub to get keys to the church door

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton County Youth Hub organizers will be holding a “key to the doors” event on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m., at the former Lighthouse Pentecostal Church at 12 Dysart Ave. in Haliburton.

In a press release, Marg Cox, Point in Time’s executive director, said, “Youth in our community have needed a place to belong, a place that they can contribute to for a long time. And now, there’s an opportunity to provide that space where youth feel welcome and have a voice in what it’s going to look like, and co-create together with us. Its super exciting because it is a welcoming and much needed space combined with services and supports being available to youth on site.”

The purchase of the church closes on July 31 and the celebration is being planned for that day. Organizers are inviting youth, parents, and the community to join in and learn more about the new youth resource in our community.

Cox said the church will need accessibility upgrades and other renovations, and the goal is to have the hub open for October.

“But in response to requests from youth and families wanting to see something happen sooner, the Tuesday, July 31 event will kick off a soft opening,” Cox said.

She added that full programming won’t be in place for awhile but planning is “full steam ahead” and they will plot and implement renovations along the way.

In addition to youth presentations, there’ll be a performance by Wescali, welcoming statements from MPP Laurie Scott and other local dignitaries and Pastor Doug of the Lighthouse handing over the key. Tours and light refreshments and snacks will be available. There will also be opportunities to give input and help shape the future of the hub.

Haliburton is one of six youth hubs to receive funding out of 45 applications to Youth Wellness Hubs Ontario (YWHO), funded by the province. The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, and the Minister of Children and Youth Services will provide support to the project. They got nearly \$1 million.

It’s hoped the #Hali County Youth Hub will create an inclusive, safe and welcoming space for people 12-25, where they can be social and have access to a broad range of services and supports delivered in an integrated fashion. These include: primary care, sexual health, mental health, employment, tutoring and homework help, life skills, and other programming possibilities including music and art.



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Highlander business



The Dockie Dee boat, operated by Spencer Bowker and friends. Photo submitted.

Ice cream delivery from dock to dock

By Felix Wong

Craig Bowker and his family have started a new business, Dockie Dee, delivering everything from ice cream to newspapers to residents and cottagers' docks via boat. Bowker operates the boat with his wife and two sons, and since July they have been selling ice cream and drinks and fishing bait to residents close to Kashagawigamog Lake.

They also deliver copies of *The Highlander* and sell the Toronto Star and The Globe and Mail.

"We did our debut day on Drag Lake, but our mainstay has been on the chain of Kashagawigamog lakes: Canning, Soyers, periodically we've gone out to Grass Lake but that's as far as we'll go," said Bowker. "Between those five lakes it's been very busy. We've had an amazingly positive reception; everyone thinks it's a wonderful idea."

"We're ringing a bell in the same fashion that Dickie Dee did," said Bowker, referring to the North American ice cream vending company that delivered ice cream via bicycles, ringing bells to let children know they were coming down the street.

"It's a very similar concept to what we're doing ... we've put an interesting spin on the name and called it Dockie Dee because we're going dock to dock."

The delivery business is based out of Bowker's Ski-Mazing Watersports School and Sky-Mazing Parasail Adventures, which has been in operation for 16 years.

"Every year we try to add something new if we can, and this is our next project ... and hopefully something that'll take off. It'll be a good project for my two sons who want to have some spending money, maybe buy their new car or put themselves through school," said Bowker.

The boat is primarily piloted and operated by Bowker's

13-year-old son Spencer, but often Spencer will take his friends out with him and the rest of Bowker's family will pitch in as well.

The Bowkers have a phone number that customers can text to pinpoint their location. Dockie Dee can be reached at 705-935-1111.



Spencer Bowker calls out to customers using a megaphone while operating the Dockie Dee boat. Photo Submitted.

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Highlander business

Bring out your inner warrior at Viking Games

By Mark Arike

In his early 20s, Alec Hollett began playing around with swords and axes in his family's backyard.

His parents were perplexed—and a bit worried—about his hobby. But, little did they know, it would one day grow into something more.

"Everybody would joke about me being some lunatic or something," said Hollett in an interview.

His family's roots piqued his interest in these sharp tools. At the age of 13, he took on a genealogy project for school, which revealed connections to Viking and native ancestors.

Last winter, while working for Algonquin Outfitters at Sir Sam's pro shop, Howlett approached Chris Bishop, the ski hill's co-owner, with an idea.

"One day, Chris mentioned they'd like to get some summer programming," he recalled. "A buddy and I had been playing at an [axe throwing] club. It just seemed like something that would fit in really well up here."

At the end of June, the 27-year-old launched Viking Games at the year-round destination in Eagle Lake. He offers axe throwing and archery tag. And if that's not enough, he's also opened a restaurant called Downhill at Sir Sam's. The licensed establishment offers pub fare, and every Wednesday is wing night. Hollett took a

culinary program at a private school in Hamilton and has restaurant experience.

Bishop believes Howlett's businesses are a good fit.

"We are happy to be able to offer to our existing and new customers a reason to come to Sir Sam's," he said. "The food/beverage service is a nice offering to our mountain bike/hiking customers and Viking Games ... is a draw for potential new customers for our winter and summer operations."

The cost is \$25 per person for two hours. That includes axe throwing and archery, if visitors want to do both. Hollett provides a tutorial on technique and offers archery lessons.

"I usually spend half an hour with everybody," he said, adding he gives out pointers.

For axe throwing, the minimum age is eight years old with adult supervision. There isn't a minimum age for archery tag. Participants must sign a waiver.

Hollett describes archery tag as a mix between paintball and dodgeball.

In the future, he's thinking of hosting a Jedi camp for kids. His goal is to one day be able to make Viking Games a year-round business. However, that would require a suitable indoor facility for the winter months.

For now, Viking Games and the restaurant are open Wednesday to Sunday from



Alec Hollett, owner of Viking Games and Downhill at Sir Sam's, demonstrates how to play archery tag. Photos by Mark Arike.

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Highlander health



Left: Local golfer Troy Austen tees off on the first hole. Right: Golfers in the afternoon group chat and snack by their carts. Photos by Mark Arike.

HHHSF campaign gets a boost from Duchene golf classic

By Mark Arike

This year’s sold-out Matt Duchene Charity Golf Classic raised about \$48,500 for new cardiac observation equipment for both of the county’s hospitals. A total of 196 golfers teed off at the Pinestone Resort for the July 19 event. Hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF), this marked the fundraiser’s 21st year (fifth year as the

Matt Duchene tournament). After finishing their round, golfers gathered in the resort for dinner, prizes, and live and silent auctions featuring more than 45 donated items. “This tournament generates a huge amount of community and business support,” said HHHSF executive director Lisa Tompkins. Duchene, a Haliburton native who plays for the Ottawa Senators, entered the tournament and donated hockey-related

items to the auction. “Matt and the Duchene family are always very generous,” said Tompkins. The foundation recently embarked on its “At the Heart of the Matter” cardiac telemetry equipment campaign. It needs to raise \$525,000—the single largest capital equipment campaign to date—to make the purchase. The equipment allows for continuous cardiac assessment by transmitting

information to a nursing station, where nurses and doctors can constantly see how a patient’s heart is functioning, she said. This equipment upgrade is for the Minden and Haliburton emergency departments, and the acute care department in Haliburton. Proceeds from HHHSF’s upcoming Radiothon will support the campaign, said Tompkins. They will also tap into their donor base over the coming months.

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Environment Haliburton president Carolynn Coburn speaks at the organization's annual general meeting on July 20. *Photo by Felix Wong.*

Trout restoration topic of EH! AGM

By Felix Wong

Environment Haliburton (EH!) recognized its many accomplishments in the past year during its annual general meeting on July 20.

The organization acknowledged three board members who have completed their board terms: Kaarina Blackie, David Blackie and Shirley Morden. They also honoured founding member Mieke Foster, gifting her an acre of the Dahl Forest.

"All of them are lifelong advocates for a healthy planet," said president Carolynn Coburn on behalf of the board of directors.

They also talked about their new Climate Change Corner, which was created in partnership with the Minden Hills Cultural Centre to inform residents and cottagers of the reality and consequences of climate change.

In addition to the corner, the organization continues to host monthly enviro-cafes, where a variety of speakers discuss topics related to climate change. These have included: tar sands, biochar, hydro rates, extreme weather forecasting, the effect of the changing climate on aquatic ecosystems and more.

Coburn also mentioned the various efforts

EH! has been making to connect with the community: the launch of their new website, two talks they made at the 2017 Haliburton County Fair, an interview with Canoe FM and more. They have also been making an effort to work more closely with municipalities: "through these closer links we hope to persuade our local governments to begin the absolutely necessary work to counter climate change," said Coburn.

Carl Weise summarized the efforts that the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association has been making in their Gould Creek Rehabilitation Project. Weise is a Master's student at Trent University who is one of the individuals spearheading the project.

"What we're doing is restoring the stream to as natural a state as we can, so we can reintroduce brook trout back and they can survive," said Weise.

Finally, they thanked their members for continuing to support EH! through the payment of membership fees and attending events and meetings.

"With the continuing support of our membership, we will continue to work for the protection and rehabilitation of the wonderful Haliburton environment," said Coburn.



THE TOWNSHIP OF ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS McCLINTOCK SEPTAGE SITE CAPACITY EXPANSION CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PUBLIC COMMENT INVITED AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

In accordance with the requirements for Schedule C projects of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, the Township of Algonquin Highlands invites interested parties to attend a Public Information Centre for the McClintock Septage Site Capacity Expansion Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to be held:

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The purpose of the Public Information Centre is to provide information to members of the public and other interested parties about the Township of Algonquin Highlands McClintock Septage Site Capacity Expansion Class EA, which is being completed in accordance the *Environmental Assessment Act* (EAA). The Class EA is intended to determine the feasibility of a capacity expansion at the McClintock Septage Site for a long-term, on-site solution that will best meet the needs of the municipality with respect to the management of wastewater generated in the Township of Algonquin Highlands.

Public participation is an integral component of this process; therefore, all parties having interest in the Class EA are encouraged to attend this event to provide comments, information, ideas, and concerns about the expansion of capacity at the McClintock Septage Site.

At the Public Information Centre, information of the various options for on-site disposal at the septage site will be provided and the public will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments. Attendance is therefore highly encouraged.

The Township's consultants will be available to discuss issues and concerns with members of the public. Thereafter, input and comment will be accepted by the consultants until September 30, 2018.

Subject to comments received as a result of this Notice and Public Information Centre, the Township plans to proceed with the completion of the Class EA for this project and an Environmental Study Report will be prepared and placed on the public record for a minimum 30 day review period.

Information regarding the Class Environmental Assessment is available on the Township's website: www.algonquinhighlands.ca/mcclintock-capacity-expansion.php

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Highlander community



From left, KLCOA vice-president Janis Parker and president Debra Wratschko hand a \$5,000 cheque to arts council chair Kate Butler. Photo by Mark Arike.

KLCOA donates \$5,000 to arts education

With a \$5,000 donation from the Kennis Lake Cottage Owners' Association (KLCOA), more local students will benefit from art in the classroom. The money was raised during the organization's fourth annual Art on the Dock, held July 7-8, and a "Ladies of the Lake" luncheon. During the weekend tour, artists and visitors made donations, and some proceeds were raised through sales of limited edition Wilf McOstrich prints and T-shirts.

"It will help us bring more artists into

schools and provide an even wider variety of programs," said Kate Butler, chair of the Arts Council Haliburton Highlands. The arts council's program, known as Artists in the Schools, hires local artists to offer arts experiences to elementary students across the county. It's entering its 15th year this fall. To donate to the program, call 705-457-8033. Tax receipts are available. (Mark Arike)




The Trillium Team Royal LePage Lakes of Haliburton presents a cheque to the Haliburton Assistance for Single Parents on July 19. Photos by Felix Wong.

Yoga helps single parents and YWCA

The Trillium Team Royal LePage Lakes of Haliburton has donated \$1,000 to the Haliburton Assistance for Single Parents (HASP) and the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) women's shelter in Minden. The cheque presentation, on July 19, came from donations raised through eight weeks of Wednesday morning yoga sessions hosted by instructor Amanda Rico. The sessions were organized by Marcia Bell and sponsored by Julie and

Anthony VanLieshout through Royal LePage Lakes of Haliburton. It was the third series of two-month yoga sessions hosted this year and the Trillium team has donated approximately \$3,000 over the course of the last three sessions. "We thought this was a great way to help the community, combined with a great way to start your day," said Bell. The team plans to host more yoga sessions in the fall. (Felix Wong)



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In Loving Memory of Benjamin Carl Harrison

(1937-2018)
(Owner of Carl Harrison Masonry)

Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Friday, July 20, 2018 with his loving family by his side.

Beloved husband of the late Sharon (2010). Dear father of Kelly (Steve),

and Kevin (Maggie). Loving grandpa of Jesse (Tanya), Tony (Lindsay), Mathew (Amanda), Kimberly (Steve) and great grandpa of Tristen, Brooke, Rylan, Taylor, Nicole and Logan. Son of the late Velma and Norman Harrison. Dear brother of Ruth (Cliff-deceased), Jim (Elinor), predeceased by his brothers Elmer (Ethel), Mervin (Marie), Lloyd, Keith (Geraldine), Jack and by his sisters Mary (Eldon), Leitha (Eric). Fondly remembered by his many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427 Minden, ON K0M 2K0 on Sunday, July 29, 2018 from 2-4 and 7-9 pm. The service to celebrate Carl's will be held in the Chapel on Monday, July 30, 2018 at 2:00 pm. Interment at the Maple United Church Cemetery. A reception will follow at the Maple Lake United Church (downstairs). Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family.



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In Loving Memory of Grenville Gratin Graham

Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday, July 17, at the age of 90.

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Brittney and fur babies Mackie and Abby and great grandfather of Alanna, Cody, Logan, Jenna, Evan and Maci. Dear brother of Betty, Norman and predeceased by Doreen, Ken, Glad, Joyce and by his parents Joseph and Emma. Over the years Grenville had various places of employment at General Motors, working in the tobacco fields, driving tractor trailer, he worked in the lumber business in the bush, drove school bus and was employed with Glamorgan Township driving the snow plough. Grenville had a love for life enjoying good times with family and friends. He especially took pleasure being in the outdoors fishing, hunting deer and moose. Grenville's personality was one of kindness, generosity, a light hearted spirit with always a joke and a smile. The family would like to thank the doctors and staff at the Haliburton Hospital.

Friends are invited to a Gathering to Celebrate Grenville's Life at the Robert McCausland Community Centre, 1043 Community Centre Rd., Gooderham on Saturday, July 28, 2018 beginning at 2:00 pm. There will be a time for reflections for Grenville at 3:00 pm. Cremation has taken place.

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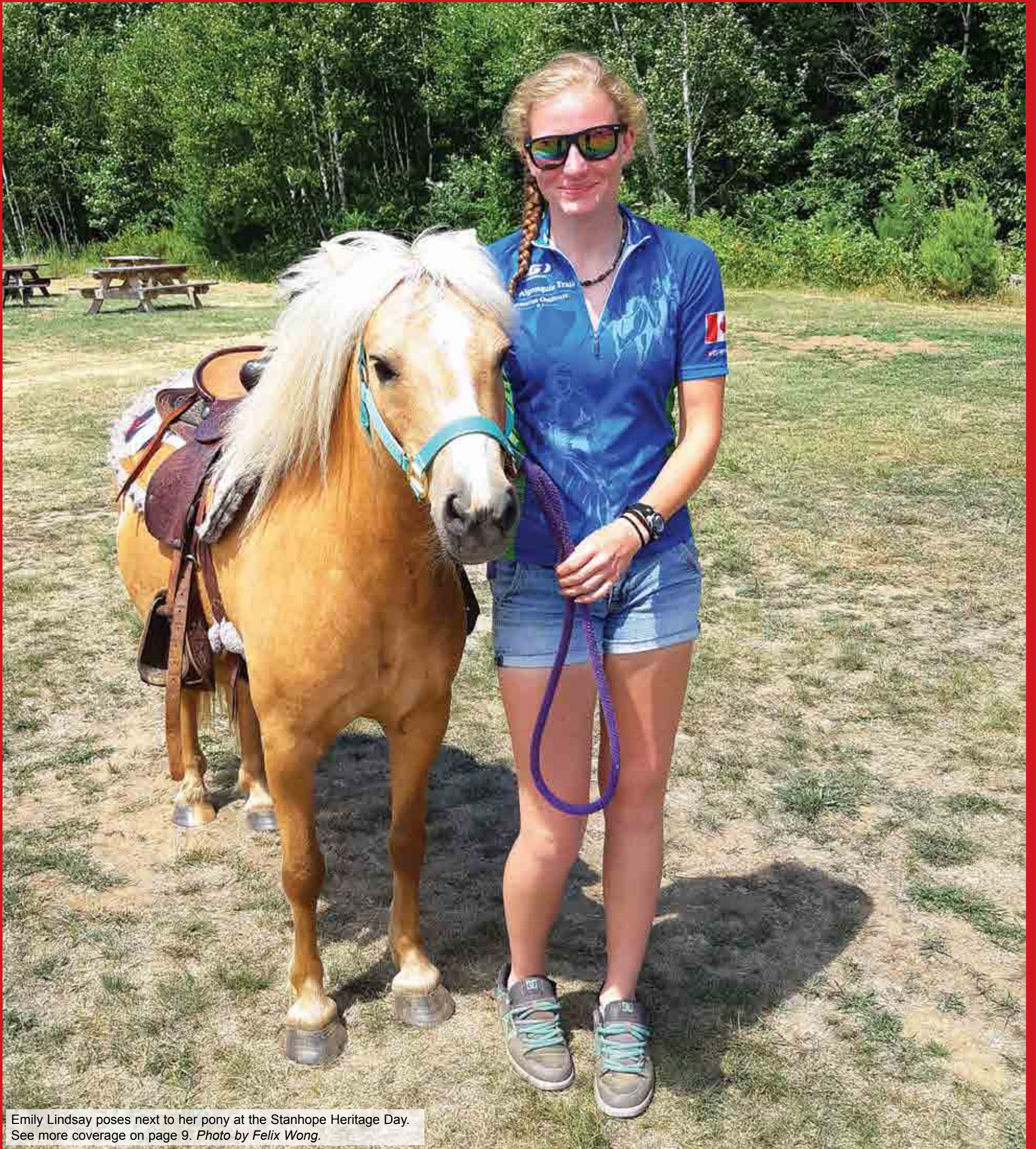
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Emily Lindsay poses next to her pony at the Stanhope Heritage Day. See more coverage on page 9. Photo by Felix Wong.



Kayakers on Gull River. *Photo by Eric Cyr.*

Kayaking the Gull: an experience

By Eric Cyr

I pulled up to Algonquin Outfitters Boatworks, curious and excited about what was in store for today's adventure. AO regional manager, Randy Pielsticker, met me with a, "Hey buddy! How's it going? You ready to hit some white water today?"

"Definitely!" I responded. I didn't have a clue what to expect since I'd only been in a kayak once before. It was less than a month ago for 15 minutes at a friend's cottage. Regardless, I was pretty 'stoked.' I then met instructors, Coleman Heaven, and Geoff Radbourn. I asked Heaven to repeat his name and he responded, "Coleman, like the cooler." He was down to earth and had a sense of humour. We made sure our kayaks fit properly, making adjustments. I put on my PFD and (kayak) skirt. Then, we threw the kayaks over our shoulders and portaged down to the Gull River as Heaven gave us some history of the area. I couldn't believe I was about to kayak down the same river the Pan AM games were held at.

At the bottom of the hill, we went over some basic hand signals to use on the water. The noise from the rapids can make it hard to hear, especially if you're far away. Then, we went over safety precautions.

"There are three ways you can recover from capsizing," stated Heaven. "You can get lucky and recover by chance, you

can flip over with a roll, or, by the hand of God." "What's the hand of God?" I asked.

"It's when someone flips the kayak back over for you," replied Heaven.

The first technique I learned was an effective 'wet exit,' an essential move to prevent drowning. I leaned over to my right and the kayak tipped over. I was submerged. As instructed, I reached up out of the water and tapped my kayak three times with both hands to signal that I was okay and not in need of immediate rescue. Then, I began my first ever wet exit. My hands went to my side to find the skirt line before sliding towards the loop at the front of the skirt. I pulled it, then used my hands to push myself out of the kayak, safely popping my head out of the water. I was free.

"Good job, Eric!" shouted Heaven and Pielsticker.

Now, I was eagerly eyeing the river before me. We practiced a technical move called the 'c-turn' that involved entering the rapids at about a 45-degree angle and making a 'sweep stroke' on one side and several shorter strokes on the other to balance the momentum and straighten the kayak. After several unsuccessful paddles into the current, I began to get more adventurous.

Then, it happened again - I went under. The current was fast. My hands hit the kayak three times and I thought, why not try a roll. I tried but soon realized that Radbourn had returned minutes

earlier and was now smiling with his arm wrapped around my kayak. I had just been saved by the hand of God. "Aw man," I exclaimed, "I thought that was all me."

"Sorry, maybe next time," said Radbourn, laughing. "You know, for a guy who's never been taught how to roll, that was a good attempt. Tell you what, I'll teach you the roll in a little bit once we're done here."

Finally, it was time. We paddled down the river to deeper, slower, water. Radbourn began instructing me. "I only have one rule when I teach you the roll," Radbourn said with a smirk. "When you do it right, you have to say, 'that's how I roll'." We laughed together, then began the lesson.

Step one was learning how to flick my hips. To do this, we practiced a T-rescue where I flipped over until my head was under water and then used the nose of Radbourn's kayak to gently lift myself back out of the water using mainly my core muscles. After, I practiced the second part of the maneuver, which was a paddle stroke. Repeatedly, I mimed the move with my paddle in hand until I felt confident and ready for the challenge. Eagerly, I tipped over to my right and found myself upside down once again. Water entered my nose as I reached up to position my paddle at the surface. I pulled as hard as I could and began to roll over. As soon as I was out of the water, I was back under. So, I tried again

with the same result. As I began to run out of oxygen, I reached up one more time, just a little higher, then yanked the paddle down and across my front. The momentum shot me towards the surface. Just before my head exited the water, I flicked my hips just a little harder and finally found myself at eye level with my instructor. I shouted in excitement and celebration of successfully completing my first roll.

"Nice job! but you forgot something," stated Radbourn.

I went quiet: "What do you mean? I thought it was good."

"You forgot the one rule!"

Excited, I laughed and shouted, "That's how I roll," proudly slapping the water with my paddle.

Later, after successfully completing multiple rolls in a row, I went back over to the rapids for some fun. I even managed to complete my first battle roll - one done while submerged in the rapids, moving down the river. But, to be completely honest, I still have more to work on before I am ready to attempt the Otter Slide, a section of rapids that can get a bit tricky and slightly dangerous. Nonetheless, it was a lot of fun. And once I've practiced, you will likely hear from me again in a follow up article. Kayaking down the Gull river was an experience unlike many others. Without a doubt, I'll be back.



The view of last year's Art and Craft festival. *File photo.*

Art and Craft Fest adds 30 new vendors

By Mark Arike

Artist Wendy Wood first pitched a tent at the Haliburton Art and Craft Festival 14 years ago.

Now, she's ready to make her second appearance as a vendor at the 55th annual event, taking place July 27-29 in Head Lake Park.

"I know it's a good show," said Wood, when asked why it was time to return. "It's nice and close, which is handy as well. I'm also starting to really concentrate on selling my artwork."

For the last 15 years, Wood's studio has been in Carnarvon. She's a weaver and

painter, but her current focus is on acrylic paintings. Her creations, which will be on display and available for purchase, feature local landscapes and scenes throughout Canada.

She's one of several local artists who will be part of this year's vendor lineup. In total, there are 122 artists and artisans, many of whom travel across Ontario to participate. Some live even farther. Thirty are new, which is a big number for the juried show.

Laurie Jones, festival organizer and executive director of the Rails End Gallery, is pleased to see the number of young artists coming up.

"I'm really excited we have some younger people starting to come in," said Jones, adding some are graduates of the Haliburton School of Art and Design.

"Word is getting out that this is a good festival," she said.

The festival is the Rails End Gallery's single largest annual fundraiser for programming. An admission fee of \$3 (which permits re-entry) is collected at the gate. Last year, 6,800 visitors attended.

One of the reasons people keep coming back is because they see something new, said Jones. There's also variety.

"We work really hard to make a good

selection so that there's something for everybody [whether you're a collector or someone who is just starting to appreciate art]."

A new feature this year will be a relaxation station on the gallery's patio. It's also a pick up and drop off spot for visitors. There will be food and local beer vendors, buskers and art activities. Visitors are also encouraged to check out the gallery's latest exhibition, titled "Making Music: The Luthier's Craft."

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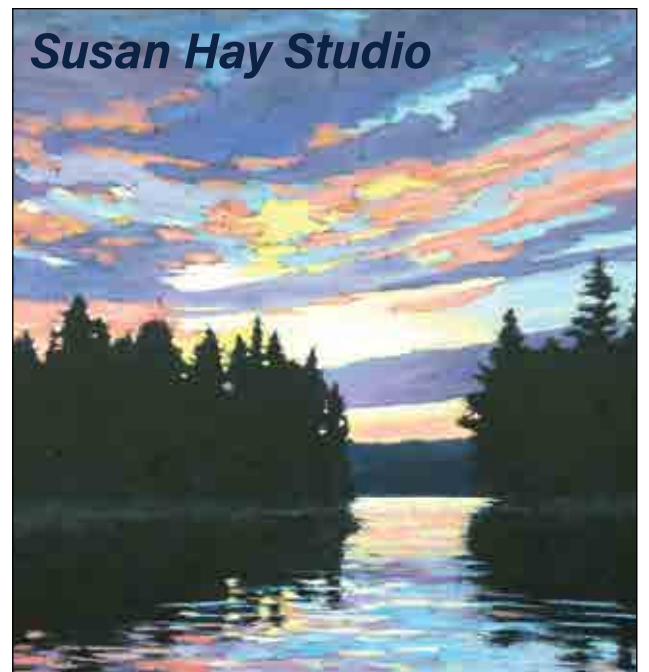
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Top: Banjo player Al Benner sits outside his trailer. Left: Happy campers pose for a photo. Right: Campers relax outside their trailer. *Photos by Felix Wong.*

A weekend of bluegrass in Minden

By Felix Wong

The sounds of mandolins, violins, guitars and soulful vocals filled the air at Minden Fairgrounds at the eighth annual Minden Hills Bluegrass Festival from July 20 to 22. Bands from across the country – and a few from across the border – took turns performing throughout the weekend festival, including headliners Roxeen & Dalrymple and Larry Efaw & The Bluegrass Mountaineers.

Banjo player Al Benner performed in the first annual Minden Hills Bluegrass

Festival and has been coming back every year to take part in the festival's jam sessions.

"Everybody's just picking away and there are tents full of people ... people from the bands and just ordinary people picking all together. It's what I like most about this," said Benner, who's been playing the banjo for 20 years; since the age of 40.

Jim Guppy camped out at the fairgrounds from July 22 until the end of the week.

"It's been a good time ... I've been here for a bit," he said, laughing. "It's nice and well-organized ... all the bands were pretty good, but I really liked the girl in pink," he said, pointing out the band Alicia Robicheau & Lonesome Sound in a local newspaper advertisement.

"It was a good festival with the most positive comments we've ever had ... we are very happy," said organizer Dennis Casey. "This year's headliners were very well received."

"The audience was very responsive,

and they were into what we were doing," said guitarist Glen Hypes, who performed with the Bluegrass Mountaineers.

"The people here are good people, we love playing in Canada," added Bluegrass Mountaineers banjo player Landon Fitzpatrick. "The people are just real kind people."

In addition to this year's headliners, there were many other talented bands that performed including the Tebworth Brothers, the Ducharme Family Bluegrass and Big John.



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Left: Dealers will be handing out cards in blackjack and poker. Right: Roulette is just one of the games that guests will be able to play this Saturday night at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride. Photos from Flickr Creative Commons.



Go 'all in' at Abbey Gardens' first-ever casino night

By Mark Arike

The board of Abbey Gardens wants you to try your luck at the tables this Saturday night.

Yes, you heard right. Professional dealers are coming to Sir Sam's Ski and Ride for the first-ever Casino Night Fundraiser. But at this event, you'll play to win prizes while supporting children's educational programs.

"I think it will be a really, really fun night," said Barb Bolin, organizer and board member.

Bolin said the board was looking to put on a fundraiser that would unite locals and cottagers. Toronto-based company iEventRentals will bring dealers and tables.

Guests will be able to play blackjack, horse race, roulette, crown and anchor, craps and poker. Admission is \$25 and

for every \$50 donation they will receive \$500 in play money. This also comes with a ticket to place into a bowl for a shot at one of 15 donated items. At the end of the night, the top three earners will win one of three prizes: a \$500 gift certificate from Home Hardware, two tickets to the musical Come From Away or four tickets to a Toronto Blue Jays' game.

"The top winner gets to choose their gift and the second one gets to choose and then the third gets what's left," she said.

Other attractions include a homemade waffle dessert bar, featuring waffles made with red fife wheat from Abbey Gardens; and a cash bar.

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Land Trust shaking up fundraising ideas with dance

By Lisa Gervais

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) is shaking things up this year – by replacing its usual fundraising activities, such as a gala and golf tournament, with a dance.

They've themed it "Rock our World" and it will be held Aug. 10 at the Haliburton Legion.

Joan Duhaime, a board member responsible for communications, said local band, Cheeky Monkey, will open the evening and the featured band is one-man dance band, Jamie Williams Entertainment.

"Jamie's rockin' dance music is sure to have people up on their feet throughout the evening," she said.

She said that in recent years, he's been involved with resorts in and around Ontario, from family-oriented summer resorts to the slightly crazier atmosphere of ski resorts. He also plays at many corporate events, sports banquets, wedding dances, and any other venue where great live music is the ticket to a

successful event, she added.

Williams told *The Highlander* he's been to Haliburton before, having played at the Wigamog Resort when it was in operation.

Duhaime said the money raised will go towards the new Barnum Creek Nature Reserve.

It was donated to the community earlier this year by Leo and Margaret Dobrzensky. The HHLT is planning to build a trailhead kiosk and install signage and trail markers on the 500-acre property located five minutes from Haliburton Village.

Along with the dancing, there'll be an appetizer buffet and a silent and live auction, Duhaime said.

"There's something for everyone. We truly appreciate all the support people are showing for our conservation efforts. This will be our one big fundraiser this year and it's going to be a lot of fun."

Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased online at haliburtonlandtrust.ca, at Up River Trading Company, or call the HHLT office at 705-457-3700.



Jamie Williams will be playing the HHLT fundraising dance. Photo submitted.



Making it in Minden

The program, created in 2010 after Minden's 150th anniversary celebration, brings Minden's residents together to engage in fun activities downtown between July and Aug. This year's events are similar to last year, including the Minden Merchant Sidewalk Sale on Aug. 15 and the Firefighters Open House on Aug. 20, with the new addition of the Heart and Stroke Big Bike Ride on Aug. 14 at 5 p.m. Anyone who wishes to participate in the sidewalk sale is welcome to do so. "The best part of the event is people asking about it," said organizer Lynda Litwin. "You know the program is working when folks are participating and talking about it." (By Felix Wong)

People of all ages take part in an Algonquin Outfitters activity as part of Make it Minden. Photo by Walt Griffin.

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Arts, crafts and trades at Stanhope Heritage Day

Residents and cottagers took part in maple syrup making, weaving, wood carving and many other historic arts, crafts and trades at Stanhope Heritage Day on July 21. In addition to the wealth of activities hosted by Stanhope Museum, there were many interesting historic collections on displays, including vintage cars, quilts and antique rifles and cameras. Visitors also toured the museum and enjoyed live music and theatre performances while children played with farm animals, created heritage crafts, rode ponies and more.

"I've been here since the beginning; my husband's doing [business] at the farmer's market in Minden," said Gayle McIvor, who was selling an assortment of garlic dips and spreads. "I sell but I also teach; if people get a bug like the garlic leek moth, I teach them how to deal with it, what to look for."

All sorts of other food was also available for sale at the many booths scattered across the museum grounds, from burgers to fresh berries. (Felix Wong)

Top: Henry Dollin sells ice cream. Left: Gayle McIvor poses next to her wares. Right: The Minden District Fur Harvesters sell their goods. Photos by Felix Wong.



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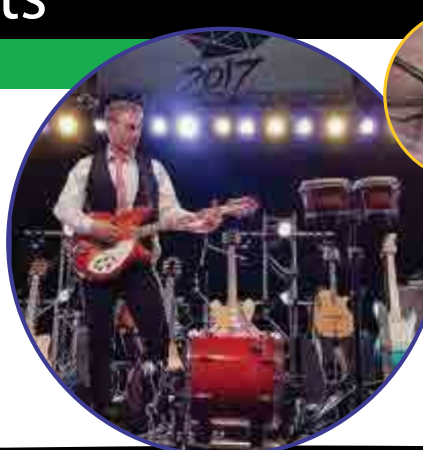
"Rock Our World" Fundraising Dance

Gather your friends and come out to support the HHLT for this evening of fun and dancing on Friday, August 10th at the Haliburton Legion. The evening features Jamie Williams Entertainment, <http://www.jamiewilliams.com>, jazz cover band Cheeky Monkey, a silent auction, and a delectable appetizer buffet.

Time: Doors open 6:30 pm to 11:30 pm

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Tenor, figure skater pair up at HOS

By Felix Wong

The Highlands Opera Studio (HOS) is delighted to announce that two celebrities – Canadian operatic tenor Richard Margison and figure skater Kurt Browning – will be performing with the studio this year.

Margison, an Officer of the Order of Canada, and four-time world and Canadian champion Browning will be performing together in Giacomo Puccini's *La Bohème*, one of the most frequently performed operas worldwide. The performances will take place from Aug. 24-27 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

HOS has also added a new concert to this year's lineup: *The Art of Song*, which will feature sopranos Lauren Margison and Elizabeth Polese, mezzo-soprano Rose Naggar-Tremblay and the accompaniment of pianists Alexander Soloway and Geoffery Conquer. The singers will be performing songs from Richard Strauss, Francis Poulenc and Gabriel Fauré. The concert will take place at St. George's Anglican Church on August 18 at 8 p.m.

The studio also recently received the anonymous donation of a mint condition Bechstein model C grand piano built in 1888. The donor is a cottager on Redstone Lake. The piano will make its debut at HOS' first Opera to Broadway concert on August 1 and will reside in the Sanctuary of St. George's for the rest of the studio's season.

"This is an opportunity to hear a piano built in the same time period as much of the music that we will be featuring," said director Valerie Kuinka. "It is an

incredible resource and will provide a uniquely beautiful and enriching experience for our performers and audiences alike."

Although HOS did not receive as much government funding this year as they did last year, they are encouraging as many people as possible to come and attend their various masterclasses, community events and shows to keep the studio thriving.

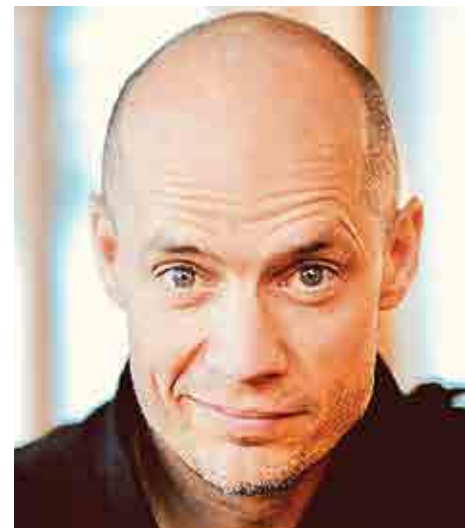
"Although we had support last year on a project basis – national support from Canada Council for the Arts and Canadian Heritage – this year we're starting from scratch, and every year. Fundraising is an ongoing challenge," said Kuinka.

Kuinka wants to emphasize that HOS hires professional and aspiring professional singers and that the performances they put on reflect this high degree of expertise and experience: "We travel all over Canada to audition applicants; we audition in New York and we receive multiple international applicants as well."

"We encourage people to come out to our performances, support what we're doing and hear these amazing young singers that are coming from all over Canada and the States," she added.

Their first event this season will take place on July 26 at 7 p.m. and continue for three consecutive evenings: a series of masterclasses by HOS artistic director Richard Margison.

"If you like watching *The Voice* or *Canadian Idol*, you'll love the Masterclasses," said Kuinka. For more information see highlandsoperastudio.com or call the studio's box office at 705-457-5646 or toll-free at 1-855-455-5533.



Top: Canadian operatic tenor Richard Margison and superstar figure skater Kurt Browning will be performing with the Highlands Opera Studio this season. Bottom: A still from a performance of *Tosca* in the Highlands Opera Studio's 2014 season. Photos submitted



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Left: Loren Ulett and Andrew VanCamp sell Black Fly Booze. Right: Erin Nicholson and Alex Bath from Muskoka Brewery pose for a picture. Photos by Felix Wong.



Thousands here for the beer

By Felix Wong

All manner of tasty brews and delicious meals were served for a whopping 12 hours at the Haliburton Craft Brewers Fest on July 21. Attendees paid \$25 for four pours of beer into a four-ounce glass as they sampled drinks from various brewing companies: Bancroft, Boshkung, Lake of Bays, Muskoka, Old Dog and more.

"It went amazingly well," said head organizer Gary Matthews of the Haliburton and District Lions Club. "It was nice to see everybody from residents to cottagers sitting around socializing. We had a great crowd and everything from the big tent to the live music worked out beautifully.

"All the vendors said sign me up again for next year," added Matthews. "We're all

volunteers so it was definitely a learning curve ... but we've been getting nothing but compliments [from the community]. It was above our expectations – and we had high expectations, so things went even better than expected."

"We have 11 brewers here, eight food vendors, games and ice cream for kids," said fellow Lion Sheron Wilson. "My favourite part is the live entertainment: Gord Kidd – he's a Lion."

Beer lovers also enjoyed meals from Empire Cheese, Los Abuelos Tacos, the Bestia Pizza food truck and more to compliment their stay at Head Lake Park. Live music topped it all off with performances from Gord Kidd & Friends, Sheri Hawkins and the TentShakers and Gary and the Rough Ideas.

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Left: Ray Gervais stands in front of a side-by-side on July 21. Right: A couple of drivers pack up their mud-coated Jeep after taking on one of the trails. *Photos by Felix Wong.*

Mud, sweat and wheels

By Felix Wong

While waiting to speak to members of Off Road Addiction this past Saturday, Ray's Place owner Ray Gervais took me for a spin on one of his trails out back. It wasn't so much of a trail as it was a general path leading to campsites and the start of many of his official trails. It gave me an idea of just how rough the terrain is and a glimpse of some of the more challenging trails that lay ahead.

"See that rock face?" Ray asked, as we passed a massive perpendicular boulder formation, which a few drivers had shown me videos of back at the motel. The rocks are positioned in such a way that it requires quite a bit of skill and effort to get over them. You have to find a way to "climb" onto the top rocks with your front wheels – with the pervasive danger of flipping your vehicle onto its backside.

"There's three extreme trails; that's the easiest of the extremes ... that just gives you an idea of how bad they are," Ray said laughing. "It's wicked."

Back at the motel grounds, the organizers had just returned and were itching for a meal and a hot bath after a long, muddy day.

Newcomers had been introduced to the adrenaline-pumping culture of off-road trail riding at the Jeep Off Road 101 Weekend. The six-hour rides began in the morning at Ray's Place, just south of Minden, and concluded with evening pizza dinners and prizes.

"You can always tell how much fun you've

had by how much dirt you have on you," said Kristina Stoagi with a laugh, eyeing the mud splotches on her daughter's dress.

"It was like a desert out there, just because it was so dry ... I'm sure you guys know with all the fire bans and everything," she added. "But as soon as the wind came it was just so much dust and my [vehicle's] console was just coated ... I'm eating it and everything; it was so disgusting – I'm excited to get in the shower!"

The weekend event is hosted by Off Road Addiction, a four by four truck superstore based in St. Thomas, Ont. that offers vehicle after-market parts, sales, service and installation.

The store has been in business for 15 years and started hosting Jeep Off Road 101 Weekends last summer. "It's just something we started doing just ourselves for fun ... it's a lot more fun when you organize things yourself," said Stoagi.

"There were probably 40-50 people all together today," said her husband, Off Road Addiction CEO Ryan Stoagi. "We host the event to help new people get into the culture [of off-road trail riding]."

He added that people have had all kinds of reactions on their first rides, being that the event primarily hosts first-time off-roaders: "Your adrenaline's going, you're excited and you're going all day so it's pretty wild."

Stoagi is certain there will be many more off-road weekends to come; including one from Sept. 21-23 and another from Oct. 19-21, both of which will take place again at Ray's Place.

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JULY/AUGUST 2018 • EVENT LISTINGS

ROYAL CANADIAN
LEGION EVENTS**Thursday July 26**

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Social Recreation Program for Seniors, free drop-in program, Wilberforce Legion branch #624. Join us for coffee, colouring, tech-time, board games, card games, crafts, pool, cribbage, conversation, and more. 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.

6 p.m. – dusk – Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers - Classic Vehicle Cruise Night, Kawartha Dairy, Minden.

7 p.m. – Euchre Night at Harcourt Community Centre. Every Thursday night.

7 – 9:30 p.m. Pickleball Thursday evenings, at Haliburton High School gymnasium. Come on out and see what pickleball is all about! Cost is \$2 per night, rackets are provided. Every Thursday night from July 12th to Aug 16th.

Friday July 27

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. – Coboconk Legion Lunch, hot pork sandwich or liver & onions. \$10.

1 – 4 p.m. – Coboconk Legion Counry Music Jam, open mic & local talent. Food bank donations would be appreciated.

Noon – 4 p.m. – Stanhope Farmer's Market, at Stanhope Community Centre on North Shore Rd. Every Friday until Aug. 31.

2 – 4 p.m. – Community Consultation with Haliburton Highlands Community Support Services, at Minden United Church, 21 Newcastle St.. We'd love to hear from you! What would you like to see as part of a free Social Recreation drop-in program?

Saturday July 28

10 a.m. – Community Therapeutic Yoga at Abbey Retreat Centre. Join us in our new indoor serene setting surrounded by nature for gentle movement and breathing. Admission by donation, all proceeds go to Abbey Retreat Centre.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Minden Farmer's Market & Artisans Market, beside the Minden Hills Township office. Every Saturday until October 6th.

5:30 p.m. – Coboconk Legion BBQ & Karaoke

Tuesday July 31

10 – 11:30 a.m. – Haliburton Sculpture Forest free guided tour. Meet at the information kiosk in the parking lot of Fleming College, Haliburton campus. Wear comfortable walking shoes, rain or shine. Tour takes approximately 1 ½ hours. No fee, but donations welcome!

Noon – 4 p.m. – Haliburton Farmer's Market, in Head Lake Park every Tuesday until Oct. 2.

5:30 p.m. – Haliburton County Youth Hub opening event – "Keys to the Doors". Youth, parents and the community are invited to join us at the former Lighthouse Pentecostal Church, 12 Dysart Ave, Haliburton to celebrate the purchase of this building for the Hub.

Wednesday August 1

11 a.m. – Coboconk Legion big buck bid euchre.

12:10 -12:50 p.m. – Haliburton Sculpture Forest "Curator's Choice" free guided tour, a condensed version of the Tuesday tours. Meet at the information kiosk in the parking lot of Fleming College, Haliburton campus. Wear comfortable walking shoes, rain or shine. Tour takes approximately 1 ½ hours. No fee, but donations welcome!

6 p.m. – dusk – Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers - Classic Vehicle Cruise Night, at Eagle Lake Country Market (Rain date Aug 8).

7:30 p.m. – Harcourt Bingo, at the Harcourt Community Centre. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Held every Wednesday.

Thursday August 2

6 p.m. – dusk – Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers - Classic Vehicle Cruise Night, Head Lake Park, Haliburton.

7 p.m. – Euchre Night at Harcourt Community Centre. Every Thursday night.

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Friday August 3

Noon – 4 p.m. – Stanhope Farmer's Market, at Stanhope Community

Centre on North Shore Rd. Every Friday until Aug. 31.

Saturday August 4

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. – Highlands East Fire Department family fun day, at Highland Grove Community Centre. \$5 admission, Crisis Dog will make an appearance!

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Minden Farmer's Market & Artisans Market, beside the Minden Hills Township office. Every Saturday until October 6th.

10 a.m. – Community Therapeutic Yoga at Abbey Retreat Centre. Join us in our new indoor serene setting surrounded by nature for gentle movement and breathing. Admission by donation, all proceeds go to Abbey Retreat Centre.

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. – Canning Lake Property Owners' Association annual Family Fun Day, at the Ingoldsby baseball park.

Sunday August 5

9 a.m. – 47th annual Highland Yard race – start/finish at Minden River Cone. 10K, 5K, and 2K timed races to raise money for Places for People, a Haliburton county charity for affordable housing. See run.hilandyard.ca for more info or to register.

10:30 a.m. – Sizzlin' Summer Service 11 in the Park, presented by The Church in Haliburton, a group of 7 local churches. Casual and contemporary live music, bring a lawn chair or blanket. Donations to 4C's Heating Fund accepted, everyone welcome! Rain Location: Lakeside Baptist Church.

Tuesday August 7

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11 a.m. – noon. – Falls Prevention Program, at Haliburton Hospital, Ruth Parkes Room. Tuesdays and Thursdays Aug through October. Register in advance 705-457-2941 or infocc@hhhs.ca.

11 a.m. – noon. – Falls Prevention Program, at Hyland Crest fireside lounge, Minden. Tuesdays and Thursdays Aug through October.

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1 – 2 p.m. – Falls Prevention Program, at Keith Tallman arena, Wilberforce. Tuesdays and Thursdays Aug through October. Register in advance 705-457-2941 or infocc@hhhs.ca.

Wednesday August 8

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – HKPR Sexual Health Clinic, providing clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching, also testing and treatment of STD's. For more info or to book an appointment, contact the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577 ext 2205.

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Thursday August 9

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Friday August 10

Noon – 4 p.m. – Stanhope Farmer's Market, at Stanhope Community Centre on North Shore Rd. Every Friday until Aug. 31.

HALIBURTON BRANCH

Monday bridge 1p.m.
Tuesday fun darts starting at 7 p.m.
Wednesday bid euchre 1 p.m. start, Bingo....Doors open at 6 pm , Bingo starts at 7 pm- \$1000 Jackpot every Wednesday in July & August. Volunteers are needed.
Thursday general meeting third Thursday of the month starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Friday meat draw - five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets \$2 per draw Chester Howse, MC.
Friday cribbage 1 p.m. start and fun darts - 4:30 p.m. onwards
Saturday 50/50 4 p.m. draw, tickets \$1 each from noon onwards
Sunday breakfast second and fourth Sunday of the month – 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. \$6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed.

MINDEN BRANCH

Monday-every second week rug hooking;
Tuesday, seniors art classes 10 a.m., bid euchre 1 p.m.; Wednesday, meat draw noon; Thursday, mixed darts and euchre 7 p.m.; Friday 7 p.m. mixed darts; Saturday, meat draw 1 p.m.; Sunday, sports day noon. Lunches every Mon.-Fri, with Friday featuring fish and chips and chicken wings also served 5-7 p.m. Take-out available. Everyone welcome.

WILBERFORCE BRANCH

July 27 Community care lunch 12 p.m. Everyone 55+ welcome. Call Denise Butler to book 705-448-8865
Wing night 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Jam session 7:30 p.m.
July 28 20th annual "Best Ball" Golf tournament/roast beef dinner Meat draw 2 p.m. Early bird 3 p.m. SHARP
July 29 Bid euchre 7 p.m. Beginners welcome
Aug 1 Fun darts 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome

Up coming events

Aug 25 Garage sale. Come set up a table for FREE. We would appreciate a donation from your sales to help support us. L.A. will be barbecuing peameal and sausage on a bun

Still need members & or volunteers to help out.

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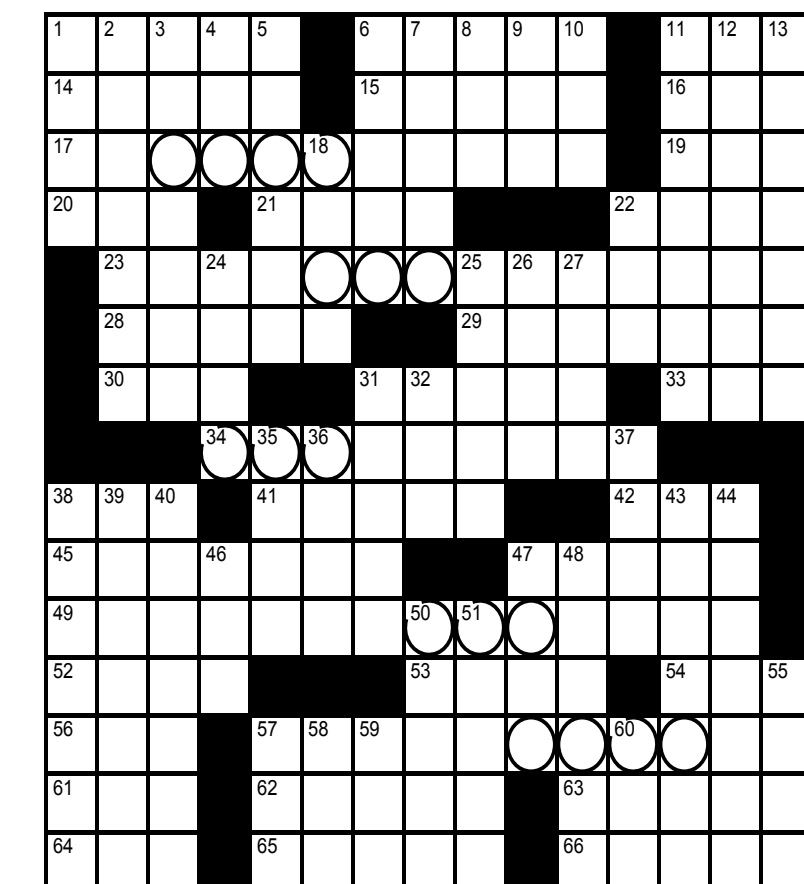
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Across

- 1 "___ dabba doo!"
6 Like a redhead's temper, it is said
11 Early times, in brief
14 Maker of the first interactive toothbrush
15 Come after
16 ___-di-dah (uppity)
17 Box filler for an indoor cat
19 Singer's syllable
20 Brussels-based trade gp. till 1992
21 Like a C grade
22 Parking metre insert
23 Sitting idly by instead of working
28 Wasting no words
29 "Collector" on a reality show
30 Hungry-horse link
31 Leave with a slam, with "out"
33 Mumbai mister
34 Candies on sticks
38 "Caught you!"
41 Scrape the windshield
42 "Lord of the Rings" bad guy
45 Doesn't add fuel to the fire
47 Source of milk
49 Loses one's fine reputation
52 2002 detainee, Canadian-Syrian Maher ___
53 Disney lioness
54 Blacktop goo
56 Some RCMP
57 Spouse's call on returning from work
61 Finder's ___
62 Indoor concert venue
63 Hung out
64 Quick reply
65 Cowpoke's cow pokers
66 Beginning to foam?

Down

- 1 Oxen collar
2 Short opera solo
3 Panfuls of cookies
4 Triple-item sandwich, for short
5 Deep gorges



- 6 Canada's Leslie ___, who sings "1234"
7 Horse-drawn, say
8 Suffix that can't be beat
9 Street where Stéphane lives?
10 "___ darn tootin!"
11 Peppermints sold in a tin
12 "Ancient" fellow in a Coleridge rime
13 Imaginary utopia, before "la"
18 Brain's "frontal" section, e.g.
22 Much advertised multi-stain remover
24 Shared Eurasian range
25 "Fingers crossed!"
26 Golden, in Roma
27 Like Vancouver weather
31 Comparatively crafty
32 First X, in XXX
35 At ___ (disagreeing)
36 Norse explorer Ericson
37 Fountain liquid
38 Salad sprout
39 Bring good cheer
40 Books of many legends?
43 Clergyman's dwelling
44 Sugar packet companion
46 Camera type, for short
47 Yellow tangelo
48 Masterpiece Theatre offerings
50 Not sitting right, in a way
51 "I ___ well" ("No reason not to")
55 Start back at square one
57 Fate, old-style
58 Onetime ice ace of Parry Sound
59 Prefix with -phyte or -lithic
60 Pop singer's goal

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